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Amarylis Coltraine may have recently transferred to the New York City police force from Atlanta, but she's been a cop long enough to know how to defend herself against an assailant. When she's taken down just steps away from her apartment, killed with her own weapon, for Eve the victim isn't just 'one of us.'

Dallas's friend Chief Medical Examiner Morris and Coltraine had started a serious relationship, and from all accounts the two were headed for a happy future together. But someone has put an end to all that. After breaking the news to Morris, Eve starts questioning everyone from Coltraine's squad, informants, and neighbors, while Eve's husband, Roarke, digs into computer data on Coltraine's life back in Atlanta. To their shock, they discover a connection between this case and their own painful, shadowy pasts.

The truth will need to be uncovered one layer at a time, starting with the box that arrives at Cop Central addressed to Eve containing Coltraine's guns, badge, and a note from her killer: 'You can have them back. Maybe someday soon, I'll be sending yours to somebody else.'

But Eve Dallas doesn't take too kindly to personal threats, and she is going to break this case, whatever it takes. And that's a promise.

Promises in Death Details

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Mo says

"sound like a broken record"to say the same thing over and over again. (Fig. on a scratch in a phonograph record causing the needle [or stylus] to stay in the same groove and play it over and over.)

I can find no fault with these books. Great characters, good suspense, kept me guessing. Of course Eve will figure the mystery out eventually, with the help of her beloved Roarke and her side-kicks. She had shopping (shudder) and a bridal shower (more shudders - from Eve) - she hates all the girly stuff.

She had more important things to do than wrangle with Summerset.

"Lieutenant", he said, as she turned away. "It will likely be a very long while before I ever repeat this, if that day should ever come. But I'll say now, at this precise moment, I'm proud of you."

"How can I love you and not be afraid? You're my life, Eve, my heart. You're asking, you're wondering if I ever worry, if I ever fear, that one day Peabody or Feeney, your commander—a cop who's become a friend—will knock on my door? Of course I do."

"Cops are good at keeping secrets."

"I married a cop."

"I told you not to."

Now he laughed, and kissed her again where her brow had furrowed. "And would I listen? I'm damn good at being married to a cop."

This was a tough one for Morris.

Alex ? says

Suspense 5 stars / Romance 4.5 stars

This book made me cry ???

A cop was killed, a young lovely woman, who just found her love. Amarylis.

Damn, life's so unfair. Damn! My heart broke for Morris. One of my favorite side characters.

We knew, who the puppet master was, but we didn't get the killer's identity till the very end. Brilliant.

Romance. Bachelor party for Louise and Charles. LOL.

But if my man travelled to Vegas with guys, I would at least order some male strippers for the girls' party ;-)

So we were even *lol*

Eve, love of my life. I can't describe how much I love this incredible and strong woman!

"I am a ranking officer. If you call me a bitch, you'd better damn well put Lieutenant in front of it."

Aly is so frigging bored says

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Mei says

Oh, I hate when this happen... :(

I like Morris and was so happy for him... and now... :(

Still the story was good (even if sad...)

Julie (jjmachshev) says

I don't know how J.D. Robb/Nora Roberts does it, but she consistently writes novels with just the right mix of emotion, sexual tension, wry humor, and mystery to keep me riveted every darn time! "Promises in Death" had me flipping the pages as fast as I could read to try and figure out 'who done it' and feed my Roarke fix.

This time the death is personal...not because the vic is a cop, but because she's the cop that Li Morris (coroner extraordinaire) was seriously involved with, and Li's pain is difficult for Eve to face because he's one of 'hers'. When the clues reveal ties to an old enemy of both Eve and Roarke, it seems too good to be true...and it may well be.

The mystery was intricate and well-plotted and I didn't figure out the bad guy til the author led me to it. There were twists that I didn't expect, and they all linked together in a tightly woven plot. Eve and Roarke were 'mag' as were the rest of the supporting cast which seemed to include all of Eve and Roarke's friends from earlier books. The scenes regarding the bachelor party and bridal shower had me laughing out loud and wishing I were there to watch.

I don't want to give too much away, but I will say that this is my favorite 'in Death' so far...at least until the next release!

?lkim says

Hüzünlüydü. Morris'e bu yap?l?r m?yd? ya? Polisiye k?sm? iyiydi, ?ahane de?ildi belki ama bu kitapta hüzünlendi?im kadar da kahkaha att?m. En çok Peabody Eve'i ta??rken güldüm heralde. Bir de Eve'in deh?etle ev sahipli?i yapt??? bridal shower vard?, oras? da ayr? güldürüyor. Seriyi hala çok seviyorum, s?k?lmad?m hiç.

“Oh shit, oh shit, stupid shower present!”

Now she did pull her hair as she made the dash to her office.

Roarke sat in her visitor's chair, comfortably involved with his PPC. He glanced up, let loose a regretful sigh. “You changed. And I didn't have any time to ogle you in uniform.”

“I have to go shopping!”

Staring at her, Roarke pressed his fingertips to his temple. “I'm sorry, I believe I must have had a small stroke. What did you say?”

“This isn't funny.” She bent down, gripped him by the lapels. “I forgot to get a thing for the thing, and I don't even know what the thing is supposed to be. Now I have to go out and hunt something down. Except—” Her eyes went from slightly mad to speculative. “We have all kinds of things around the house. Couldn't I just wrap something up and—”

“No.”

“Crap!”

“How can I love you and not be afraid? You're my life, Eve, my heart. You're asking, you're wondering if I ever worry, if I ever fear, that one day Peabody or Feeney, your commander—a cop who's become a friend—will knock on my door? Of course I do.”

Megan says

"I can help. We're the smart girls. Let's solve some crime!"

This is not a book that can be appreciated if randomly picked off a shelf. The joy in reading it comes from knowing the series' characters, knowing the tropes, and watching them intersect, interact, and sometimes

implode. This is a payoff book, not a setup book.

The tensest scene is not Eve facing off against the prime suspect, but instead, an emotionally and physically intense deception pulled off by the victim's boyfriend (recurring character, the typically cool-as-a-cucumber Chief Medical Examiner Li Morris) in an attempt to get evidence from the prime suspect. I held my breath reading that scene. Afterward, with said evidence secured, Eve's takedown of the network of conspirators and the prime suspect is far less tense, but it's wonderfully choreographed to show off her strengths and to get the reader to experience the emotional justice wrought by all the hard work put in by so many characters.

My favorite bit was how, the morning following a bridal shower (oh yes, Eve reluctantly and confusedly hosted Louise's bridal shower, and as predictable as her reaction was, I still found it amusing), the main female characters gathered for a pajama-clad "smart girl" confab/murder briefing, much to Eve's consternation. It kind of makes me grin to have a series full of confident, professional, smart (in different ways) women, and that they've created a network, a support system, a group of friends for Eve. (Meanwhile, the menfolk of the series were off in Vegas for Charles's bachelor party. Hijinks ensued. Upon hearing the stories, Eve might never look at Dennis Mira the same way again.)

Anastasia says

Promises in Death by J.D.Robb is book 28 in the In Death series. Policewoman and Chief Medical Examiners Morris girlfriend, Amaryllys Coltrane is found dead, killed with her own weapon and Eve investigates, finding links to a previous case of hers. The books just keep getting better and better. I love that Eve has become more comfortable in her relationship even to the point of accepting a specially made car for her from Roarke. This book explores the difficulties that police spouses face when their partners are constantly being put in danger and the constant fear for them. Another excellent book with Eve hosting Louise's wedding shower in the process.

Diane says

Really like this book - lots of emotion in this one. A bad cop - which I detest period, and poor Morris - who I really like and feel so sorry for.

The story line was excellent, bringing Max Ricker back into play - what a shiester, who should get father of the year award!!

Peabody is fitting right into the role of Detective quite nicely - getting her rhythm! And the wedding shower for Louise finishing up the next morning with "the smart girls"!

Two thumbs up and 5 stars!

Jilly says

Not my favorite when it comes to the killings/mystery because it wasn't nearly bloody, violent, and sinister enough. But, the good part of this book was that there was plenty of attention paid to all of the side-

characters of the series that we have grown to know and love.

So, cop-killer pursuit - meh. a little boring. Plus, I figured out who the first bad-guy was as soon as we met, and the second bad-guy as soon as we knew there was another. Come on, man! Give me a challenge!!

Dead cop's boyfriend story - touching and sad. He is a character that I have always liked. I know, let's kill the love of his life! Sinister authors with their emotional manipulation. Humph!

Eve & Roarke - amazing and cute. Eve was actually not a bitch in this book and even treated her husband well enough for me to almost approve. (I would treat him better. Just sayin')

Eve hosting a bridal shower/bachelorette party - only funny because she was so awkward and hated it. Of course, Peabody was the best part. I like drunk Peabody! Actually I like everyone when I'm drunk.

Roarke taking a giant group of guys to Vegas - money. Why, oh why, did we have to stay at the chick party instead of getting to go to Vegas with them?

"I'm taking a shuttle full of men to Las Vegas late this afternoon. There will be ribaldry, and a possible need to post bond. I've made arrangements. I'll bring back this same shuttle full of men - hopefully - tomorrow afternoon."

"Let me come with you."

"Let me see your penis."

"Oh, God! Can't I just use yours?"

"At any other time."

Oh, and just in case you are as ignorant as I am:

rib·ald

?rib?ld,?r??bôld

adjective

referring to sexual matters in an amusingly rude or irreverent way.

"a ribald comment"

That makes it funnier, huh? Huh?

Yeah, I totally want to go to Vegas and have ribaldy fun with my girl-tribe.

Kjen says

Another great re-read! Eve goes through so much growth as she copes with comforting a bereaved friend, shopping(shudder:), and a bridal shower. This makes for some fun sprinkled in with the nasty business of cop murder. Loved the parallels...and not...that Roarke tries to see between himself and Alex Ricker. It's all about choices in life! There are some of my favorite quotes in this one...I'll see if I can dig them up;)

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

In book twenty-eight of the In Death series, things take a dark turn when a cop killer is on the loose. Amarylis Coltraine is the latest victim to be attacked. As a newly transferred police officer who has come to New York, she is highly trained and should be able to defend herself but she dies just steps from her own apartment, sparking a whole slew of questions from Eve Dallas. Worse of all, Amarylis was involved with the chief Medical Examiner Morris and now Eve is tasked with telling her friend of his girlfriend's death.

Once again, Eve is determined to find out who the killer is and stop him or her before another cop ends up dead. When she and Roarke dig deeper into the case, they discover something shocking that may connect this case with something from the past. Now they must work quickly to find this killer before he comes for Eve.

This one is more of an emotional journey for the characters because it hits a little too close for comfort. When one of their own goes down, it rattles Eve a little bit and that's not really something we see from a pro like Eve. Emotions are at an all-time high and it was a nice opportunity to see what their characters are really made of when something they care about is taken away from them. I think readers may be pretty surprised with who the murderer actually is in this one.

In addition to the great mystery, Robb always explores more of Eve's personal life. She has come so far already and with her friendships with other people, we are seeing a whole different side to the tough cop act we are used to. Louise and Charles show advancements in their relationship and it's a hilarious scene when you have Eve present at a wedding shower/bachelor party. As emotional and heartbreaking some of the scenes were in this story, these fun scenes really created a wonderful balance to even it out.

I love the way that Robb was able to connect this story with JUDGMENT IN DEATH. But don't worry if you haven't read that particular book because Robb provides plenty of details to fill you in. It's great for a refresher as well for you loyal fans.

To cap off this review, I just wanted to share this little quote. I think it aptly sums up the dynamic of Eve and Roarke's relationship so well.

Favourite Quote:

Eve: "I have to go shopping!"

Roarke: "Excuse me, I think I must have had a small stroke. What did you say?"

♥Sharon♥ says

Here we are again with another 5 star review. **I. LOVED. IT.** I know I am repeating myself but quite honestly after 28 books I am running out of things to say.

I **LOVE** Roarke and Eve.

I **LOVE** the development of all the secondary characters and their relationships. In this one Morris was front and center.

I **LOVE** the funny moments that get weaved in. Just image Eve, Peabody, Louise, Mavis, Nadine, Dr. Mira and the rest of the girls having fun at a wedding shower which involved Bellini's, mag food and swimming naked. LOL

I **LOVE** that even with an inkling of knowing the 'whodunit' factor, J.D. allows the story to unfold in a way that it doesn't matter one bit.

In my humble opinion J.D. Robb is...

Ann Lou says

One of my favorite characters suffered a loss in this one. Considering my feelings towards said character, I was hurt and sad while reading this installment. He cared deeply for that woman and she was also a good person/cop. And I am proud of Eve for being there for him.

The preparation for Charles-Louise wedding continues. The bridal shower was fun but it was horror for Eve. But it was Roarke and the boys who enjoyed their party in Vegas with Mr. Mira.

And of course moments with Roarke and Eve who are one of the best couples in the book world. Ever.

"How can I love you and not be afraid? You're my life, Eve, my heart. You're asking, you're wondering if I ever worry, if I ever fear, that one day Peabody or Feeney will knock on my door? Of course I do."

Shawna says

4-4.5 stars - Romantic Suspense/Futuristic/Mystery/Crime/Thriller
